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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

There is already too little competitive choice in internet access and telecom service. If the petition is approved, independent carriers across the country will lose access to critical network elements, and we, as consumers would lose our choice of providers.

I've already tried to use the services of the "big" companies like AT&T & Comcast - they were expensive with poor customer service. I finally switched to a local carrier that doesn't cost me an arm and a leg for something as critically important as internet. They also have great customer service that helps me gets problems fixed quickly, whereas it took many calls

Please do not help to eliminate the smaller companies out there that we in fact use!

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